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### **Data + Donuts**

Transportation Planner Karina Macias highlighted LADOT's collaboration with Information Technology Association's Data Science Federation at Data + Donuts, a collaborative effort among the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the local L.A. civic technology community. Macias discussed how data science partnerships with local universities are changing the way the City's staff uses data to support how LADOT manages mobility investments. The Data Science Federation is an initiative led by the City of Los Angeles with 14 local partner universities, working with over 200 students and 100 professors and staff over the last two years. Macias shared how the program is helping LADOT and the City reach mobility goals as well as observe travel behavior to estimate the benefits of future projects.

### **Street Closures: Skechers Performance LA Marathon 2018**

Please be advised that the 2018 Skechers Performance LA Marathon is taking place this Sunday, March 18, 2018. Street closures will begin as early as 2 AM. Expect delays and congestion in and around the event area. Click [here](#) for the Traffic Management Plan for more details.

### **A Safer Cahuenga Pass**

Last Thursday, LADOT joined Councilmember David Ryu in activating a new signal at Cahuenga Boulevard West and Pilgrimage Bridge. Previously, motorists crossing the bridge and heading towards the Hollywood Bowl were directed to turn right onto Cahuenga Blvd. West before making a U-turn to turn south. With the installation of the traffic signal, safer movements can be made for all entering the intersection.

Special recognition for Transportation Engineer Steve Rostam, Transportation Engineer Bhuvan Bajaj, and Principal Transportation Engineer Brian Gallagher in working with Caltrans and seeing this project through, and special thanks to Council District 4, The John Anson Ford Theatres, and the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council.

### **DASH Over and Reload Your Card!**

Do you need DASH or Commuter Express questions answered? Do you need to reload or purchase TAP cards? LADOT's Transit outreach teams will be at these upcoming locations:

#### **Friday, March 16**

Venice Farmers Market 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

#### **Sunday, March 18**

Motor Ave Farmers Market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### **Monday, March 19**

Northridge Library 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Eagle Rock Library 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, March 20**

Panorama City Library 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Malabar Library 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, March 21**

Wilshire Branch Library 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### **SRTS Safety Assessment Walks Continue**

There are more opportunities to join [Safe Routes to School on safety assessment](#) walks in your school neighborhood. This assessment identifies barriers and challenges for students walking and biking safely to and from school. SRTS is a partnership between LADOT and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

### **Meet and Greet Our Safer Streets: Pedestrian Refuge Islands**

This week we revisit with Tim Fremaux, Transportation Engineer, who walks us through the new Pedestrian Refuge Island on Zelzah Ave. and Hiawatha St. in Granada Hills. This safety improvement was installed to create a safe waiting space in the center of the roadway, allowing people to cross the street in each direction of traffic. Watch below to learn more!

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